

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02058-TSC**

SIMMONS v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/11/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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07/11/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6247167) filed by SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Deming, Stuart) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zeg) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by J. Michael King on behalf of SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS (King, J. Michael) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Boyd Palmer-Ball on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/19/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 10/4/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/28/19. (DJS) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
08/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2019. (tb) (Entered: 08/29/2019)
08/30/2019	<u>6</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT <i>FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT</i> against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE filed by SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS.(Deming, Stuart) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
09/13/2019	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Response to Amended Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
09/20/2019	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Response to Amended Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting nunc pro tunc <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time File Answer; Granting <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer. Answer due September 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/22/19. (DJS) (Entered: 09/22/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>6</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 9/23/2019. (tb) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/24/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Peter C. Hansen on behalf of SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS (Hansen, Peter) (Entered: 09/24/2019)
10/04/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 10/04/2019)
10/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>9</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report and proposed order by November 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/15/19. (DJS) (Entered: 10/15/2019)

10/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2019. (tb) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File <i>Second Amended Complaint</i> by SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit A – Second Amended Complaint)(Deming, Stuart) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>13</u> Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/26/19. (DJS) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by January 30, 2020 and every 60 days thereafter. A proposed order shall be included to the extent the report contains a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/2/19. (DJS) (Entered: 12/02/2019)